

State of South Dakota

EIGHTIETH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2005

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

Introduced by: Representatives Hunt, Cutler, Frost, Garnos, Heineman, Hennies, Klaudt, Kraus, Krebs, Michels, Pederson (Gordon), Rave, Rhoden, Rounds, Tidemann, Tornow, Turbiville, Weems, and Willadsen and Senators Gray, Broderick, Dempster, Greenfield, Olson (Ed), and Sutton (Dan)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement.

2 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States enjoy one of the most important economic and
3 strategic international relationships that exists today; and

4 WHEREAS, together, Taiwan and the United States promote a shared belief in freedom,
5 democracy, and market principles; and

6 WHEREAS, the level of mutual investment between Taiwan and the United States is quite
7 high; and

8 WHEREAS, streamlined foreign investment procedures developed under a Taiwan-United
9 States free trade agreement would lead to further investment by firms in both Taiwan and the
10 United States and would create new business opportunities and new jobs; and

11 WHEREAS, a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would encourage greater
12 innovations and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating joint technological development,
13 practical applications, and new cooperative ventures; and

14 WHEREAS, a recent study by the United States International Trade Commission supports



1 the negotiation of a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement; and

2 WHEREAS, a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would build on the existing strong
3 relations between Taiwan and the United States to simultaneously boost Taiwan's security and
4 democracy and serve the broader interests of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region:

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth
6 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
7 hereby supports the negotiations of a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement.